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(*g*) what action the Government have taken and propose to take to have the said publication proscribed?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Representations have been received from Anjumane Nounihalane Islam, Coimbatore, regarding certain alleged objectionable passages in a book written by L. Srinivasa Ayyar.

(*c*) & (*g*) The matter is receiving attention.

(*d*) The book has been prescribed as a text-book for Form III in the school department of the Government College, Coimbatore, and in the Government Secondary and Training School for Women, Coimbatore, by the heads of the institutions concerned.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Text-Book Committee is constituted under the orders of Government.

Government have no information as to the actual members present at any particular meeting of the Text-Book Committee and do not consider it necessary to call for it.

Duties of the Superintendent, Connemara Public Library, Madras.

* 636 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the duties of the Superintendent in the Connemara Library are; and

(*b*) how many assistants he has?

A.—(*a*) There is no such officer as 'Superintendent' in the Connemara Public Library. The Superintendent of the Government Museum is also Principal Librarian of the library. There is a librarian under him. As regards the duties of these officers, the hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 2160, Education, dated the 22nd October 1929, and the rules annexed to it which have been placed at the disposal of the Press.

(*b*) The librarian is assisted by the following staff:—

A sub-librarian.
An accountant and cashkeeper.
Three clerks.
Six attendants.

Public Health.

Stoppage of relief rendered by the Taluk Board, Kasaragod, to sufferers from snake-bite.

* 637 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Local Government have ordered the stoppage of relief

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to sufferers from snake-bite afforded hitherto by the taluk board of Kasaragod; if so, for what reasons?

A.—The Kasaragod Taluk Board was incurring expenditure in connexion with the employment of a snake-bite curer. As the snake-bite curer was unqualified and as it is not possible for the Government to distinguish between those who are genuine curers and those who are not, they informed the taluk board that no further expenditure should be incurred in this behalf and that the services of the curer should be dispensed with. The president, taluk board, has asked for a reconsideration of the orders of Government. The matter is under consideration.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the Government have called for or received any report from the taluk board as to the number of cases of snake-bite?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Long ago the Government received a representation from the taluk board."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether it is the opinion of the taluk board that he is not a genuine snake-bite curer?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"In the case of local boards, the Government, while sanctioning expenditure from public funds for unqualified persons, must be assured that the remedy is genuine."

11-15 a.m. Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether any report has not been called for before making them not to incur the expenditure from taluk board funds?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It was considered necessary to call for a report and now the District Medical Officer has been consulted and we are expecting his report."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, what the opinion was of the District Medical Officer who was consulted?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"He was consulted and we are expecting his report."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—"Was he consulted before?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"He had been consulted before but not on this point."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—"What was the point, Sir, on which he was consulted?"

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the matter would receive the sympathetic consideration of the Government?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is not a question of sympathetic or unsympathetic consideration, but it is as to whether the cure is genuine or not that the Government must first satisfy themselves."